

December 10, 2021

Utility Projects Update

Below are several updates related to various utility capital projects:

West Stanly Waste Water Treatment Plant 1.2 MGD Upgrade

Due to several supply chain delays, substantial completion is now projected to be mid-February 2022. All processing equipment to be installed is now on-site. The project budget is still in favorable condition. A total of \$170,000 of the \$350,000 budgeted for contingency has been spent due to change orders.

West Stanly Waste Water Treatment Plant 2.5 MGD Expansion

Staff and members of the Board met with representatives from the various municipalities on November 17. Staff is preparing draft Interlocal agreements to ensure proper funding commitments are formalized prior to proceeding with the project.

The Board will be asked to approve the County's water & sewer 5 year Capital Improvement/Master Plan in January 2022 so the Wooten Company can finalize the SDF (System Development Fee) recommendations.

Phase 4 – Water & Sewer Authority Project

Staff provided the 2021 financial audit information to the LGC to ensure the Water & Sewer Authority is effectively meeting its current debt service obligations. Engineering and final design is on-going.

Liberty Hill Booster Pump Station Replacement

The project was awarded to the NJR Group. The initial pre-construction meeting will be held in late December. Interim financing is in place from the County, and staff is working to secure permanent financing from a local bank. The financing will require LGC approval.

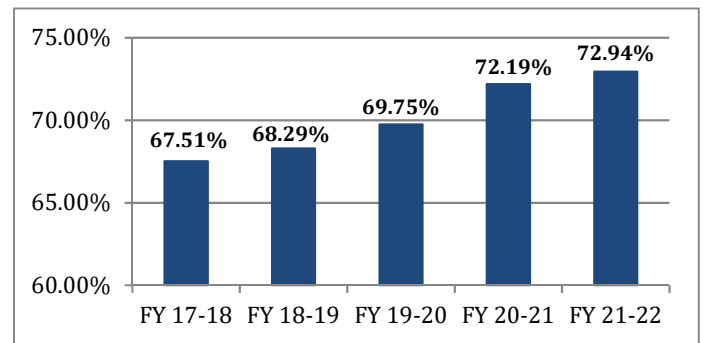
Bost Road Water Main Extension

RNF Contractors will begin installing erosion control in December 2021, and it is anticipated pipe installation will commence in January 2022.

Property Tax Collections Update

As of November 30 the real property tax collection rate was 72.94%. This rate is 0.75 percentage points higher than the reported rate at the end of November 2020.

Below please find the November 2021 real property tax collection rate in comparison to the same time period the prior four (4) fiscal years:



Motor Vehicle Valuation Trending Ahead of Target

After four (4) months of data, the valuation of motor vehicles for property tax purposes is trending ahead of the \$650 million target for FY 21-22.

After four (4) months the valuation is \$241.21 million. This is an average of \$60.3 million monthly. This is an increase of \$16.07 million (7%) from the same time period last fiscal year.

If the current trend continues motor vehicle valuation could exceed \$723 million and generate \$440,000 more than budgeted for motor vehicle property tax collection in FY 21-22.

Staff will continue to monitor this revenue stream on a monthly basis, but the initial four (4) months have provided encouraging data.